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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT FOR PERIOD
JUNE 17-JUNE 23, 1974

1. BELOW IS TEXT OF AHG CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT
FOR PERIOD JUNE 17 TO JUNE 23, 1974, AS APPROVED
BY THE AD HOC GROUP ON JUNE 26, 1974.
BEGIN TEXT:

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 67 OF C-M(73)83(FINAL), THE
FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED, FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP, AS THE REPORT OF
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THE CHAIRMAN (NORWAY) ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP
FOR THE WEEK ENDING 23 JUNE, 1974.

2. THE GROUP EXAMINED THE RESULTS OF THE INFORMAL SESSION HELD ON 18 JUNE. DURING THIS SESSION THE ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET. THEY FURTHER EXPLAINED THE VARIOUS MOVES TAKEN BY THE ALLIES TO REACH A MIDDLE GROUND.

3. IN FURTHER DEVELOPING THE EASTERN PROPOSAL FOR AN "INITIAL REDUCTION STEP", KHLESTOV (USSR) PROPOSED THAT ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS COMMIT THEMSELVES AT THE OUTSET TO REDUCE THEIR FORCES BY A SPECIFIED AMOUNT AT AN AGREED TIME. HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL TIMING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCTIONS BY AT LEAST SOME OF THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION COULD BE POSTPONED TO START LATER DURING THIS INITIAL STEP. US AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS COULD CONSTITUTE THE BULK OF SUCH REDUCTIONS, ALL OF WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE IN 1975. KHLESTOV CLAIMED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD NOW MAKE A MOVE OF EQUIVALENT SIGNIFICANCE.

4. THE PLENARY STATEMENT DELIVERED ON 20 JUNE BY AMBASSADOR GRANDE (CANADA) WAS DEVOTED TO A GENERAL REHEARSAL OF THE ALLIED PROPOSALS. IT ALSO CONTAINED A REBUTTAL OF VARIOUS CRITICISMS FORMULATED BY KHLESTOV AND KLEIN (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) AT THE PLENARIES OF 30 MAY AND 14 JUNE, RESPECTIVELY.

5. THE AD HOC GROUP AGREED THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE TO THE NAC CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION BY NON-US WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN PHASE II REDUCTIONS.
END TEXT.RESOR

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